



# LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

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July 2022 Administrator report  
From: Linda Loomis, Administrator  
To: LMRWD Board of Managers

In addition to items on the meeting agenda, the following District projects and issues were addressed during the month:

## **Other Work**

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### **CenterPoint Nicollet Crossing kick-off meeting**

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, CenterPoint Energy held a kick-off meeting for all permitting agencies for this Project. (The Board approved a permit at its May 2022 meeting) The meeting was attended by Hannah LeClaire of Young Environmental and me. In addition, Anthony Crosby and Karina Weelborg, interns for Young Environmental attended. Anthony and Karina will be conducting periodic inspections of the project on behalf of the LMRWD.

### **Metropolitan Council Priority Waters List**

The update to the Metropolitan Council's Priority Water list has been finalized and was submitted to the Met Council June 28<sup>th</sup> for approval. The last update of the list occurred in 2015. Blue Lake, Black Dog Lake, Fisher Lake, Gun Club Lake, Rice Lake (Scott County) and Snelling Lake are on the Lake list. Assumption Creek, Bluff Creek, Carver Creek, Credit River, Eagle Creek, Ike's Creek, Kennaley's Creek, Nine Mile Creek, and Purgatory Creek are on the streams and creeks list. And of course, the Minnesota River is on the list. The floodplain lakes that are listed are all on the DNR's list of Wild Rice lakes. The entire list can be found on the [Met Council's Priority Waters](#) website.

### **Lower Minnesota River East One Watershed One Plan**

On July 7, 2022, the Steering Committee met to plan the public kick-off meeting for the planning process. Notice of the meeting will be posted in newspapers in each county and individual invitations will be sent out.

### **Burnsville Sanitary Landfill**

Waste Management submitted a land use application to the City of Burnsville for a Development Stage Planned Unit Development (PUD) to expand the Waste Management landfill located at 2650 Cliff Road West. The request includes:

- Increase total waste disposal capacity to allow up to an additional 26 million cubic yards of Municipal Solid Waste
- Increase the height of the landfill from a maximum elevation of 820 feet above mean sea level to an elevation of 1,082 feet above mean sea level
- Decrease the Industrial and Demolition/Construction waste capacity
- Eliminate the 18-hole golf course end use plan and modify the footprint of the landfill to reduce it from 216 to 204 acres

- An application for Conditional Use Permit from the City has also been applied for to allow grading and filling within the Minnesota River floodplain and modification of the levee system which protects the landfill.

The City has scheduled two hearing for this project, as listed below;

- July 25: Burnsville Planning Commission, meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Burnsville City Hall
- Aug. 1: Burnsville City Council, meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at Burnsville City Hall (Please note: This City Council meeting will be held on a Monday night due to Night to Unite on Tuesday.)

More information can be found on the City's website using this [link](#).

### **Dell Road Improvements – Eden Prairie**

On July 6, 2022, LMRWD staff met with officials from the City of Eden Prairie, Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek WD and WSB, consultant for the City, to discuss the City's plans to improve a section of Dell Road. The section of Dell Road to be improved lies within both watershed districts. It was decided that the project will need to obtain a permit from each watershed

### **14<sup>th</sup> Minnesota River Congress**

The 14<sup>th</sup> MN River Congress was held on June 15, 2022. Governor Walz attended, and reports are that it was a great event that brought attention to issues of the Minnesota River.

### **Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport**

On Wednesday, June 29, 2022, Della Young and I met with staff from the Metropolitan Airport Commission. We met new staff and discussed the LGU permitting process and the boundary change that had been discussed. The MAC is preparing a survey that will be needed to amend the boundaries.

## **Watershed Plan Projects**

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**Gully Inventory and condition assessment:** The final gully report is complete and is on the July 2022 LMRWD Board of Managers meeting agenda. It has been posted to the LMRWD website.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/mn-river-corridor-management-project>

**Eden Prairie Area #3 Stabilization:** The City of Eden Prairie received notice from the MPCA that it can decommission the pond that is contributing to the erosion at Area #3. A meeting is being scheduled to prepare for the next phase of the project, now that the pond can be decommissioned.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/mn-river-corridor-management-project>

**East Chaska Creek: (Carver County Watershed Based Funding):** The oak tree that did not survive as noted in the last report to the Board will be replaced and the Board will be asked to authorize the final payout to the contractor at the August Board of Managers meeting.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/east-chaska-creek-bank-stabilization>

**Schroeder Acres Park (Scott County Watershed Based Funding):** This project was proposed to look at the Eagle Creek Sub-watershed. The report is complete and has been posted to the LMRWD website. The LMRWD has not received the final information from the City of Savage needed to close out the grant that was received for this project. This is the last project under the 2019 Watershed Based Implementation Funding grant to be completed.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/schroeder-acres-parkeagle-creek-sub-watershed-stormwater-study>

**Shakopee Downtown BMP Retrofit (Scott County Watershed Based Funding):** The final report developed under this project has been posted to the LMRWD website.

Project website: <http://lowermnrivewd.org/projects/targeted-bmps-downtown-shakopee>

**PLOC (Prior Lake Outlet Channel) Restoration (Scott County Watershed Based Funding):** This project is complete and is waiting for other projects funded under the 2019 Watershed Based Implementation Funding program to be complete. Project website: <http://lowermnrivewd.org/projects/prior-lake-outlet-channel-realignmentwetland-restorationhis>

**Hennepin County Chloride Project (HHCI) (Hennepin County Watershed Based Funding):** this group met on June 23, 2022. A media campaign has been developed called ‘Low Salt No Salt Minnesota’. The campaign includes a logo, and materials to use to bring awareness of the problem posed by Chloride pollution. The findings of a study were presented that was done by the City Plymouth to reduce Chloride in Parkers Lake. There was discussion to keep the group going after the expiration of the grant.

There is no new information to report on the grant program the MN River watershed management organizations of Hennepin County. No new grant applications have been received.

**Vegetation Management Plan:** No new information to report since the last update.

**Sustainable Lake Management Plan: Trout Lakes:** There is no new information to report since the last update.

**Spring Creek Cost Share:** The LMRWD will be holding a meeting with the public on 5<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Carver at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, near 112 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Postcards invitations were mailed to all the properties that abut Spring Creek. Managers are welcome to attend.

Project website: <http://lowermnrivewd.org/projects/spring-creek>

**West Chaska Creek Re-meander:** The Board approved payment to Carver WMO at the June 2022 Board of Managers meeting. The LMRWD will check to make sure the entire project is complete.

Project website: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1695a2cf90b44ddb4730aad399196405>

**Seminary Fen Ravine Restoration Area C2:** The City of Chaska has asked to meet with the LMRWD to discuss next steps to stabilize the ravine. Here is a link to the [feasibility report](#).

**MN River Corridor Plan:** On Wednesday, July 13, 2022, the LMRWD held a meeting of stakeholders to discuss threats to the Minnesota River. A request to fund the next meeting of stakeholders in on the July 2022 Board of Managers agenda.

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## Upcoming meetings/events

*Managers are invited to attend any of these meetings. Most are free of charge and if not the LMRWD will reimburse registration fees.*

- UMWA monthly meeting – Thursday, July 21, 2022, Lilydale Pool & Yacht Club
- Lower MN River East One Watershed One Plan Public kick-off meeting – Tuesday July 26, 2022, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park Pavilion
- Lower MN River Watershed Planning Area, Watershed Based Funding Convene meeting #4, Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, virtual
- Spring Creek Public information meeting – Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 6:00 to 7:00 pm, on 5<sup>th</sup> Street W, near number 112
- LMRWD Citizen Advisory Committee meeting – Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 9:00 am
- [Salt Symposium](#) – Tuesday & Wednesday, August 2 & 3, 2022, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm (early bird pricing ends June 30<sup>th</sup>) on-line

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- Lower MN River East 1W1P Steering Committee – Thursday, August 4, 2022, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Scott SWCD office & virtual
- USACE River Resource Forum – Tuesday & Wednesday, August 23 & 24, 2022, 8:30am to 3:00pm,
- MAWD Summer Tour – August 23 – 25 Grand Forks